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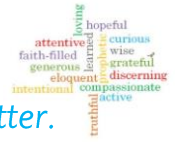
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Friday 25th October 2024

This half term, we are growing to be curious, about everything;
and active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.



Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas.

Marie Curie – French scientist

Thank you to everyone who has scanned their Asda Rewards card and earned free money in our Asda 'Cashpot for Schools'. The scheme runs until 30th November.

1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Cashpot for schools

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

You have helped raise

£228.65

⌚ 37 days left



See progress

Please encourage your friends and family to sign up to Asda Rewards for free and select St. Anthony's from their list of schools.



Applying for School Places

Applying for Reception Class 2025

If you live in Solihull you should apply online at www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions.

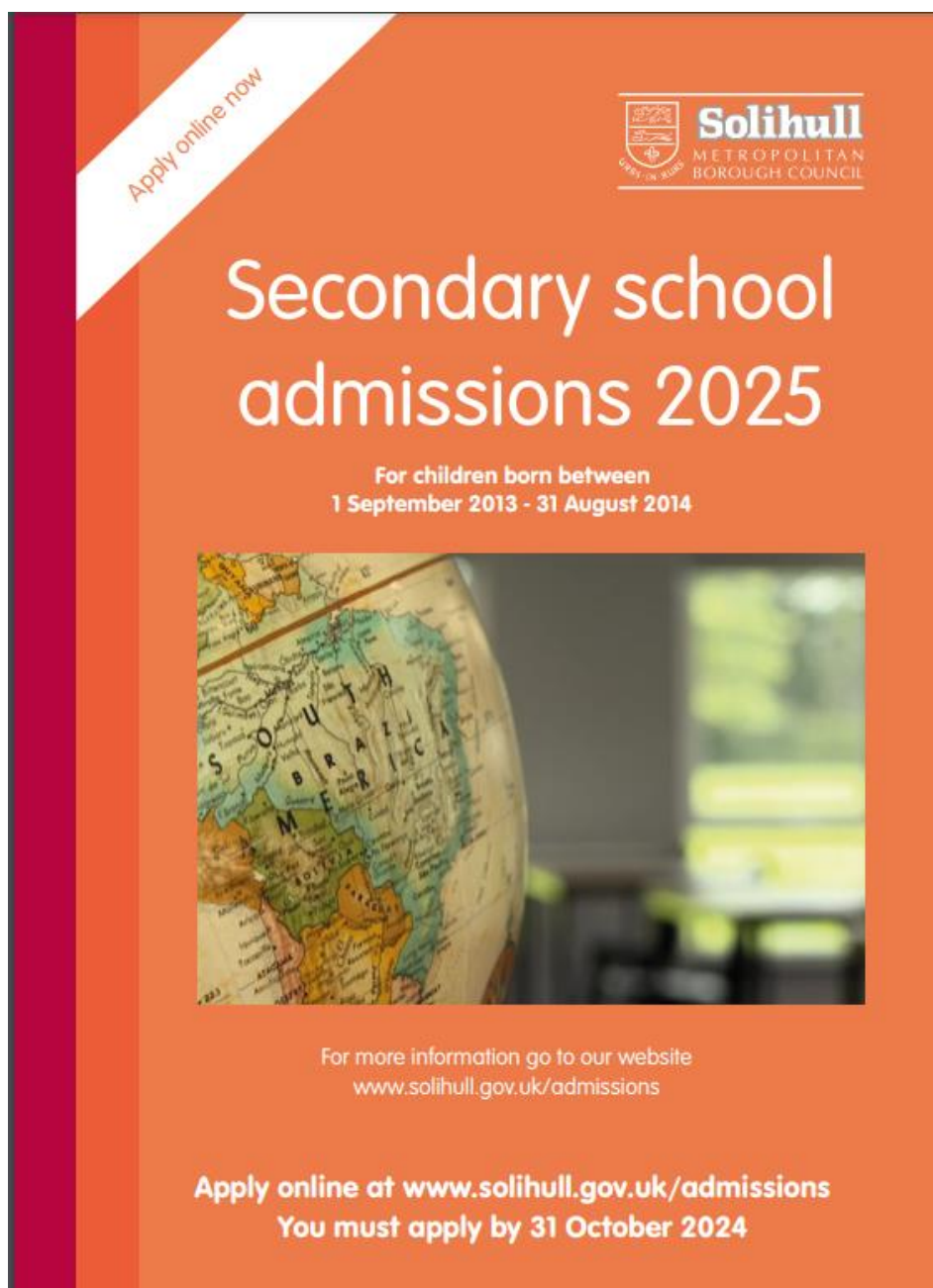
You can apply for up to five schools including faith schools and academies. They can be in Solihull, or in another council area. You must rank the schools in order of preference.

Parents of pupils in Year 6 **MUST** apply for their secondary school place by **31st October AT THE LATEST**.


If you have not completed your application by this date, your child's application will not be considered until after offers day when all school places have been allocated.

Please visit www.Solihull.gov.uk/admissions to download their guidance and complete your application.

If you live outside of Solihull, you must apply for your child's school place via your local council's website.




Apply online now

 Solihull
METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Secondary school admissions 2025

For children born between
1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014



For more information go to our website
www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions

Apply online at www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions
You must apply by 31 October 2024

Time to talk...

TAKEHOME



What impact can music have on our lives?



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt about how Sikh sacred music will now be assessed by music exam boards, following a ten-year campaign.

Things you could talk about at home:

- *Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument?*
- *Would you like to? If so which one?*
- *What type of music do you like listening to?*
- *Can you describe how certain pieces of music make you feel?*
- *Do you prefer to listen to or play music?*

Pope Francis says...



Let us ask for the strength of the Holy Spirit for all families, so that He may rekindle in them the joy of being together and the desire to share with one another.

Tiny Ants

This week in Tiny Ants we have been continuing with the Autumn theme. We've been taking a closer look at pumpkins and leaves focusing on the words, 'Autumn' 'pumpkin' 'orange' 'bumpy' and 'heavy'. We have been practising our lining up, and walking sensibly to and from the bikes. While having fun on the bikes we have been using our core muscles to pedal, push and steer, and travel fast and slow.



Nursery

This week Nursery have been focusing on the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and we have used props to help us remember the characters in the story. We have explored the pumpkins that Mr Scanlon has given us to use from his allotment, and we have pretended to make our very own pumpkin soup. Painting and decorating our own pumpkins has also proven to be very popular this week.



Nursery have also visited the church for the first time together where we practised our prayers and looked at the stained-glass window and the beautiful statues. Nursery were extremely respectful and behaved beautifully.

Well Done, Nursery!



Reception



It has been another focused and busy week in Reception. The children have continued to explore the season of Autumn, focusing on the harvest and produce of Autumn. We have had a classroom full of pumpkins!

We have worked on our literacy skills this week. Writing a list of ingredients that we would need to make an iced pumpkin biscuit. We had lots of fun reading and following the instructions to learn how to make and bake the biscuits. The children also enjoyed eating their biscuits!

The Reception children are always so creative. This week we have been using all the Autumn resources we have collected, to create some wonderful Autumn scenes. We have made hedgehogs, squirrel camps and beautiful Autumn forests.

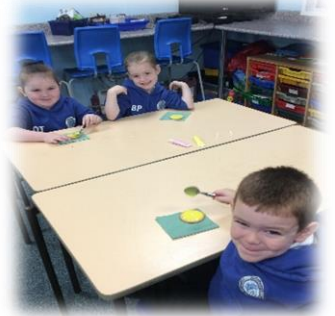
We have celebrated Black History Month and have enjoyed listening to the author Hannah Lee. We remembered how God made everyone different but, loves us all the same.

We have also had some special visitors in school, our friendly PSCOs. They have reminded the children about staying safe during Halloween and Bonfire night.

What a super busy week! We hope the children all enjoy the half-term rest, ready to return refreshed for more learning and fun.



Reception continued...



Our
"We are a community striving to live, love and..."

FIDO's top 5

1. Only adults should handle...
2. Always stand well back when...
3. Never play with fireworks...
4. Fireworks will scare your...
5. You have to be 18 before you...

Year 1

This week Year 1 were out and about around school. In our science work we have been looking at how we can protect the environment and little things that we can do to make a difference. The children were outdoors litter picking to find and clear any rubbish across school before collecting leaves to add to our compost and build a protective layer for our garlic growing in the Year 1 garden. The children also were busy adding new soil to the garden and planting onion bulbs which will hopefully begin to grow over the half term holiday!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous end to the first half term. We have been working really hard in Maths learning some column addition. In English, we have been writing a diary entry about our trip to the Farm and we role played our very own fractured fairy tales. The highlight of our week was our DT class on cooking; we made some super tasty pizzas and used some important skills like; cutting, spreading and grating!



Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been learning about advertising through their English lessons this term. On Monday, we went to Cadbury World and spent the day looking at how they advertise their products and how it has changed over the years. The children had the opportunity to visit the extremely bumpy 4D cinema, take a trip showing how Dairy Milk is made, and then went on to learn lots about Cadbury's chocolate during their educational talk. The children also had the opportunity to write in chocolate as well as eating lots too!

We all had great fun and learnt lots of interesting new facts.



Year 5



Last week Year 5 visited The National Space Centre as part of their Science lessons. They had a fantastic time!



BCFC Flag Bearers

A few weeks ago, some of our pupils in Year 2 had the opportunity to be flag bearers for Birmingham City's match against Peterborough at St. Andrew's @ Knighthead Park. They had a fantastic time and were keen to tell all of their friends back at school. They were delighted that Miss Robinson had been able to watch them in action too.

We'd love to hear about any other exciting experiences that our pupils have enjoyed so don't forget to 'tag' us on 'X': @StAnthonysSch.





Our first battle of this school year was won by the...**BOYS!!!**

Congratulations to the most valuable players (MVPs) who for the whole competition were:

Patryk (Y3), Charlie (Y5), Oliver (Y5), Ivy (Y3), Sathvika (Y6) and Ngoc Anh (Y3).

A special mention to the MVPs in each year group too:

	MVP	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
Year 6 boys	Noah	Leo	Nyle
Year 6 girls	Sathvika	Gracie	Esther
Year 5 boys	Charlie	Oliver	Karson
Year 5 girls	Everleigh	Edie-Pearl	Freya
Year 4 boys	Harvey	Joseph	Jacob
Year 4 girls	Harlow	Sophia	Willow
Year 3 boys	Patryk	Ezra	Jaxson
Year 3 girls	Ivy	Ngoc-Anh	Gabija
Year 2 boys	Kai	Freddie	Kade
Year 2 girls	Jiyaa	Maja	Anna



Attendance Matters



Congratulations to **Rosie-May (Y4)** and **Isabelle G (Y1)** who won our most recent attendance raffles.

Noah (Y6) was the winner of our raffle draw for 100% attendance since returning to school in September.

Autumn Challenges!

Some fun seasonal activity ideas, to explore the world around you during the school holidays...



.TRICK.

OR.

.TREAT.

Spook-tastic Decorations



Create some Halloween-inspired decorations! What materials will you use? What about cardboard, newspaper, pipe cleaners and natural materials? How will you make them look spooky?



Warming Drinks

The weather is getting chillier now. Make a hot drink to stay cosy! Can you write the recipe for your drink? Remember to ask for a grownup's help!



Autumnal Art

Collect natural materials to create an autumn collage. Try using leaves, conkers, sticks or anything else you can find, then stick them to some paper or card!



Tree Watch

Keep a record of the trees you've seen and what they look like during this time of year. You might like to draw them or take photos. What different colour leaves are there? How many evergreen and deciduous trees can you spot?




Conker Count

Use a tally chart to record the number of conkers you can find. Have you seen conkers on the ground? What trees do conkers come from? Compare your findings when you return to school!



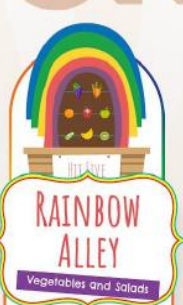

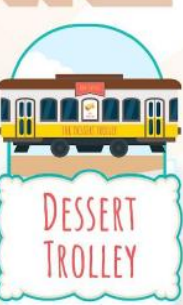




Perfect Pumpkins

Design a spooky pumpkin! Can you bring your design to life and carve a pumpkin? Remember to ask a grownup for help!



Next week's menu ...

FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens		LUNCHTIME				TRADITIONAL Week 1
Autumn Winter 2024-25:	 THE MAIN EVENT	 MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	 RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	 BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	 DESSERT TROLLEY	 DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges	Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Frozen Yoghurt	
TUESDAY	BBQ Cheesy Chicken	Butterbean Ratatouille	Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie	
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Peas and Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Forest Fruits Jelly Pots	
THURSDAY	Lasagne	Vegetable Lasagne	Green Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cookie Dough Apple Crumble	
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Veggie Burger and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits	 PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Topped Pasta Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Cheese

Our catering providers no longer offer sandwiches or cold lunches as an option. The main menu will be available, alongside jacket potatoes and pasta offered every day. Please remember to book your child's menu in advance.

Immunisations

Just a gentle reminder that it is not the School Nursing service who delivers the immunisations as there is a dedicated immunisation team.

Please can you direct any queries on immunisations to the immunisation team on: 0121 466 3410.

*Kind Regards,
Solihull School Nursing Team*

Information for Parents and Families

When can my child return to school?

Chicken pox

Five days from the onset of a rash and all the spots have crusted over



Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Diarrhoea and vomiting

48 hours from the last symptoms



Glandular fever

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Flu

When recovered



Hand, food and mouth

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Head lice

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Impetigo

When lesions are crusted and healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics



Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash and recovered from other symptoms



Mumps

5 days after swelling



Scabies

After first treatment



Scarlet Fever

24 hours after starting antibiotics



Slapped cheek

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Threadworms

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Tonsillitis

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Whooping cough

48 hours after starting antibiotics



Mighty Ants current prices

Mighty Ants phone number:
07979 724 262



We are now offering child-led support for children and young people aged 5-16 who have experienced domestic abuse.



Call our **Solihull Community Outreach** on **0121 722 2142** to self-refer or email **solihull.admin@bswaid.org** 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday



For hard of hearing: Text service 18001 0808 800 0028
bswaid.org @bswaid

Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid

	Old Price	September 2024 Price
Breakfast Club	£6.00	£6.00 - NO CHANGE
After School 3.15pm-4.15pm	£6.00	£7.00
After School 3.15pm-5.15pm	£7.00	£8.00
After School 3.15pm- 6pm	£8.00	£10.00

Information for Parents and Families



AUTUMN TERM 2024
Open to all Solihull parents and carers



BEING A PARENT GROUPS

Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups will be delivered both face-to-face and virtually, starting with a welcome session & then running weekly for a further 8 sessions:

TUESDAY	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	1/10/24 – 3/12/24
WEDNESDAY	Dickens Heath School (B90 1NA)	9.30am – 11.30am	2/10/24 – 4/12/24
WEDNESDAY	Marston Green Infants (B37 7AA)	12.30pm – 2.30pm	2/10/24 – 4/12/24

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years unless specified, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



TUESDAY	TEEN Grace Academy (B37 5JS)	10.50am – 12.50am	24/9/24 – 10/12/24
THURSDAY	Widney Junior School (B91 3LQ)	9.30am – 11.30am	3/10/24 – 12/12/24
THURSDAY	Evergreen Family Hub (B37 6DX)	9.30am – 11.30am	3/10/24 – 12/12/24

FIVE TO THRIVE

For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.



<p>MONDAY Riverside Family Hub (B37 5DP)</p> <p>12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>16/9/24 – 21/10/24 4/11/24 – 9/12/24</p>	<p>TUESDAY The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)</p> <p>12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>17/9/24 – 22/10/24 5/11/24 – 10/12/24</p>
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Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:



Half Term meal idea for Parents & Families



**FEED YOUR
FAMILY
FOR £5**

ROAST SWEET POTATO AND CHICKEN TRAYBAKE



Feed your family of four for £5 with this Roast Sweet Potato and Chicken Traybake. You can make it yourself, just scan below to watch the method and get the recipe card.

SCAN ME



TO WATCH

SCAN ME



**FOR THE
RECIPE CARD**



FREE Half Term Cycle Training

BIKE IT

Solihull



FREE Half Term Get Pedalling Sessions

FUN indoor cycle training available for children aged 5+

The perfect opportunity for children to learn to ride, improve cycle skills and confidence.

North Solihull Sport Centre – Monday 28th & Thursday 31st October

Tudor Grange Leisure Centre – Friday 1st November

Various morning sessions are available.

You can bring your own bike/helmet or borrow one. Please let us know upon booking. Please note, there are a limited number of children's bikes and frame sizes.

Book via: <https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

OWN THE RIDE

If you would like further information please email solihullactive@solihull.gov.uk

Winter uniform

REMINDER: After half term, children from Reception to Year 6 must return in winter uniform (this includes a shirt and tie).

Girls' Uniform - Winter

Grey skirt, white blouse (with tie) royal blue school cardigan or sweatshirt, white socks, grey, white or black tights, and black shoes. Girls can choose if they wish to wear grey school trousers (not fashion trousers). Leggings are not permitted.

Boys' Uniform - Winter

Grey trousers, white shirt (with tie) and school royal blue V-necked sweatshirt, and black shoes.



All children are expected to wear school uniform.

Please ensure all clothing is marked with your child's name.

- Dangling earrings, rings or necklaces are not allowed to be worn as they present a health and safety risk.
- Stud earrings and a wrist watch are the only jewellery items which may be worn, except when taking part in P.E. lessons. Please keep in mind that should you wish to have your child's ears pierced, the start of the summer holidays is the best time as it give their ears time to heal before the start of term.
- Long hair must be tied up on all occasions with discrete bobbles and ribbons.
- **Nail varnish, transferable tattoos and makeup are not permitted.**
- Excessive haircuts are not permitted i.e. tram lines, designs shaved in to his/her hair. **Trainers or black trainers are not permitted however children can change into trainers at lunch time.**



School Keep Clear
**No Stopping,
No Excuses**

Disappointingly we are still witnessing a number of adults not adhering to parking rules outside school. Under no circumstances should cars be pulling up outside the gate on Schofield Road to drop off pupils in order to ensure the safety of all of our pupils.



Diary Dates



These dates will updated each week and newly added events / any changes will be highlighted in yellow.

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Fri 25 th October	Whole school	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Friday 25 th October – Friday 1 st November HALF TERM		
Mon 4 th Nov	Whole school	Return to school – winter uniform
Mon 4 th Nov – Fri 8 th Nov	Year 5	Bikeability pm
Weds 6 th Nov 9:30am	Whole school	Whole School Mass Year 5 leading
Fri 8 th Nov	Year 6	Y6 cinema trip to watch 'Kensuke's Kingdom'
Tues 12 th Nov	Year 3	Y3 cinema trip to watch 'The Jungle Bunch World Tour'
Tues 12 th Nov	Whole school	Odd sock day for Anti-Bullying Week
Weds 13 th Nov	Whole school	Seasonal nasal flu vaccinations
Tues 19 th Nov	Year 5	Y5 cinema trip to watch 'If'
Thurs 21 st Nov	Year 2	Y2 cinema trip to watch 'Migration'
Thurs 28 th Nov	Year 4	Y4 cinema trip to watch 'The Inseparables'
Weds 4 th Dec	Year 2	Year 2 trip – Journey to the Stables
Fri 6 th Dec	Tiny Ants, Nursery and Reception	EYFS Nativity 2:15pm
Weds 11 th Dec	Whole school	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Fri 13 th Dec	Year 1 and Year 2	KS1 Nativity 2:15pm
Fri 20 th Dec	Whole school	End of Autumn term



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Term Dates 2025

Mon 6 th Jan	Whole school	Pupils return to school – start of Spring Term
Fri 14 th Feb	Whole school	Last day of half term for pupils

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Mon 24 th Feb	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school
Tues 25 th Feb	Whole school	Return to school
Fri 11 th Apr	Whole school	Last day of half term for pupils

EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025

Mon 28 th Apr	Whole school	Pupils return to school – start of Summer Term
Mon 5 th May	Whole school	May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 23 rd May	Whole school	Last day of half term for pupils

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Mon 2 nd Jun	Whole school	Return to school
Fri 18 th Jul	Whole school	Last day of the school year for pupils
Mon 21 st Jul	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school

DATES OF SACRAMENTS 2025

Weds 12 th Feb 6pm	Year 6	Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop David Evans
Sat 7 th Jun 11am	Year 3	Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

P.E Days

Please read carefully as the PE days can change from week to week.

Week beginning Monday 4th November

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 5 – Bikeability: PE kit all week **EXCEPT Wednesday – bring PE kit with you this day to change in to on Wednesday**

Year 6 – Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday



Please remember that pupils need to come into school in their PE kits on these days:

- plain white t shirts (or those with the school badge on)
- PLAIN black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.
- Hair must be tied back
- No jewellery should be worn.
- If children cannot remove their own earrings they will be unable to participate in PE.

**Don't
Forget!**

Please pre order meals for the following week via ParentPay. From Monday, if you have not pre ordered we will only be offering jacket potato or pasta.

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Amber – for always being a fantastic example of a good friend and being kind.

Year 1 – Ruby-Mae – for being a delight to teach and showing enthusiasm in every lesson.

Year 2 – Mia – for always spreading positivity throughout the classroom and making your friends smile.

Year 3 – Oak – for always carrying out our school mission statement: living, loving and learning joyfully!

Year 4 – Lily-Mae – for always shining like Jesus, sharing her love for learning with others, and being a good team player.

Year 5 – Amber-Rose – for carrying out our school virtues with a beautiful smile.

Year 6 – Meghan – for having a positive 'can do' attitude, and working really hard.

Mr K Scanlon, Head of School

